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EXAMINING GROUP 1642

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Inventors: Burczak et al.
Serial No.: 09/622,776
Filing Date: August 23, 2000
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Title: Methods Using PLA2 as a Marker for
Metastases and for the Diagnosis of
Selected Cancers

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Dear Sir:

Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This is a reply to the Final Rejection mailed November 5, 2003
setting a three (3) month statutory period for response. A
Petition for a one (1) month extension of time and the requisite
fee are provided herewith.

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